



2014/2015 RDCA Junior Annual Report

Secretary Report 2014/15

The Season of 2014/2015 was a great one for Junior Cricket in the RDCA! It was a Season of significant rule changes to assist in improving and growing our Junior Comp and most importantly help our Kids feel confident, encouraged and more involved in their cricket. I would like to acknowledge the Delegates who are passionate volunteers that are open to change and not scared of moving with the times to improve this wonderful sport. Also to thank the Clubs for their support and positive feedback to me personally and our Committee.

My first year in the role of Secretary was huge, but with the invaluable help and support from Sean Flynn, who also was in his first year as President, was both enjoyable and rewarding. Sean Flynn is a massive asset to the RDCA and we are very lucky to have him! A big thank you to Andy Exley, Bill Stafford, Colin Doherty, Paul Attfield and Anthony Crowe for all their time and efforts on the Junior Committee.

Bill Stafford took on the Rep Carnival Coordinator's role and did an amazing job and things look great for the future of our Representative Teams going forward.

Introduced for the first time in the RDCA was the T20 Blast Competition. This format of the game is offered to Boys and Girls before they play Under 10's. The T20 Competition grew in numbers and it was great to see the players enjoy the Wednesday night games. Good times were had by U10 players at the Round Robin hosted by St Andrews CC in December 2014 but unfortunately the February Round Robin hosted by Croydon Ranges CC was stopped due to thunderstorms. Thanks and appreciation to those Clubs who hosted any events and Finals throughout the Season.

I would like to congratulate all the 2014/15 Premiership Winners:

U12/5-	Montrose
U12/4-	Bayswater Park
U12/3-	South Croydon
U12/2-	Heathmont Baptist
U12/1-	North Ringwood
U14/4-	Scoresby/Ferndale
U14/3-	South Warrandyte Hawks
U14/2-	Montrose
U14/1-	North Ringwood

U16/2- South Warrandyte Hawks

U16/1- South Croydon

Congratulations to all individual RDCA award winners and T/20 competition winners.

Cricket is a fantastic sport and it's wonderful to see Boys and Girls enjoying healthy competition, learning life skills, making friends whilst being outdoors. I think the future of the sport is positive and exciting and I'm glad to be part of a Junior Association who truly embraces and focuses on "Kids playing Cricket!"

I look forward to the coming Season,

Regards

Mandy Dolman

RDCA Junior Secretary

Presidents Report 2014/15

It was with a great deal of excitement that I took on the role of RDCA Junior President for the 2014/2015 season. I cherish the memories of my own junior career with Glen Park and Bayswater Park Cricket clubs and I hope I can ensure that other young boys and girls enjoy the game as much as I did. We thank Josh Browne, the outgoing president for his contributions.

The season would not have run as smoothly as it did without the huge efforts given by our new secretary, Mandy Dolman. Our clubs love dealing with Mandy and her passion for the game is infectious. We thank John Springett, the outgoing secretary for his contributions.

Bill Stafford came on-board as our Rep Cricket Co-ordinator and was the Recruit of the year! His enthusiasm for junior cricket rubs off on everyone around him and I love that he sets such high standards. I am sure our Rep Carnival results will improve with Bill leading the way. We thank Justin Hansen, the outgoing Co-ordinator for his contributions.

With so many changes at committee level, my vice president was going to be vital. Andy Exley stepped into this role and it was re-assuring to know I had someone with great experience and knowledge to bounce ideas off. My entire committee all took their turn to roles their sleeves up and get things done – I thank David Brush, Anthony Crowe, Paul Attfield, Colin Doherty and Tim Court for their efforts during the season.

The RDCA implemented some dramatic changes to under 12 cricket which proved to be a great success. We changed the retirement rule from a runs scored number to a balls faced number. In 12/1 a batter retired after facing 40 legal deliveries and in 12/2 & lower they retired after facing 30 legal deliveries. The changes ensured more players got to bat in each game whilst also allowing the better players to score as many runs as possible of the allocated deliveries. I applaud the clubs & coaches for embracing this rule change and well done to all the scorers whose job became a little more complicated when counting the batters balls faced!

We also introduced rules which ensured more bowlers had to bowl on each day of the game. This was another step to encouraging more participation from more players and the early signs are that both these changes have helped players 'fall in love' with cricket. Our aim is to produce lifelong cricketers and we hope we are on the way to doing this.

Once again our under 10 competition was a huge success with the numbers increasing by 4 to 33 teams. We held 2 round robin events this year and a big thanks goes to St Andrews and Croydon Ranges for hosting these events. The under 10 comp was complemented by our first ever T.20 BLAST centre operating out of East Ringwood. This was aimed at 7 – 9 year olds and was a big success with East Ringwood doing a great job as hosts.

In total the competition grew by 10 teams from the previous summer.

Under 10	up from 29 to 33
Under 12	up from 41 to 45
Under 14	up from 28 to 34
Under 16	down from 21 to 17

We will continue to try to attract and retain young players and will require the ongoing support of our clubs, as well as strong coaching structures to achieve this. Kids love playing cricket and if we all continue to work together, in the best interests of the kids, we will have a vibrant and strong competition.

Thank you to my wife Maree for enabling and encouraging me to take on this role. It is very time consuming but when I see the joy on my own children's faces, as well as those they play with and against, it is all worth it.

A final thank you to the clubs for trusting me in my role. I only want what is best for the players and I am sure we are on the right track to making the game more enjoyable and accessible to our young players.

Cheers

Sean Flynn

Individual Award Winners 2014/15

16/1

Batting - Ryan Masters 284 runs @ 56.80 Bowling - Luke O'Brien 26 wickets @ 6.81

16/2

Batting - Michael Gibbons 396 runs @ 99 Bowling - Mark Baker 16 wickets @ 7.06

14/1

Batting - Ryan Peter Budge 389 runs @ 129.67 Bowling - David Maddox 14 wickets @ 4.57

14/2

Batting- Cameron Isbel 285 runs @ 71.25 Bowling - Liam Storm 18 wickets @ 5.72

14/3

Batting - Jackson Braunthal 248 runs @ 124 Bowling - Heath Disney 13 wickets @ 4.69

14/4

Batting - Lachlan Anderson 334 runs @ 167 Batting - Brock Franklin 18 wickets @ 3.78

12'1

Batting - Matt Beyer 37 runs, average 137 Bowling - Christopher Rakuscek 11 for 69 off 36, average 6.27

12'2

Batting - Campbell Mole 309 runs, average 103 Bowling - Brandon Leonard 12 for 48 of 31, average 4.0

12'3

Batting - Justin Johnston 108 runs, average 108 Bowling - Thomas Broadhurst 9 for 37 off 26, average 4.11

12'4

Batting – Thomas Witty 217 runs, average 217 Bowling - Bailey O'Reilly 12 for 45 off 26, average 3.75

12'5

Batting - Corey Rennison 439 runs, average 146.33 Bowling - Cameron Storm 13 for 63 off 34, average 4.85

U16 RDCA All Star Team 2014/15

Mark Baker

Luke O'Brien

Josh Barr

Will Fleming

Dylan Butler

Brad Rickard

Brodie Eccles

Jake Sali

Clayton Henderson

Bradley Stewart

Ryan Masters

Daniel Thompson

Jeff Luscombe Volunteer Award

Luke Henderson

Bill Dean Memorial Trophy

Clayton Henderson

Encouragement Awards

Nicholas Heron

Grace Rogers

Rep Carnival Awards Winners 2014/15

Team

U/12 Keith Mitchell

U/12 Josh Browne

U/14 Des Nolan

U/14 Russell Allen

U/16 Keith Mackay

U/16 Jim Beitzel

Girls U/12 Claudia Fatone

Best Carnival Player

Jack Nichols

Liam Storm

Nicholas Walker

Jackson Merrett

Luke O'Brien

Will Fleming

Grace Rogers

Coaches Award

Matthew Pipe

Coby Arbuckle

Klayton Hughes

Jarryd Cameron

Tom Nicoll

Connor Dinneen

Alia Choucri